

## BOYS PLAYING WAR BURIED BY CAVEIN

Two Dead When Rescued and  
a Third Dragged Out  
Unconscious.

## GENERAL DIES IN DUGOUT

With His "Staff" He Had  
Taken Refuge From Shower  
in Bronx Lot.

Four boys who with a broken shovel  
had dug a cave on a Bronx hillside  
scurried into their cavern yesterday  
to get away from a shower. Soaked by  
the rain the roof of their refuge fell and  
the boys were buried. Two died of suf-  
focation, a third was revived at Lebonon  
Hospital and the fourth wriggled free  
and escaped.

The dead are Pasquale Nasta, 12 years  
old, and Raphael Nasta, 13. Their  
comrade in the hospital is Michele  
Nasta, 11, Raphael's brother, and the  
one who got away because he was near  
the mouth of the cave and only partly  
trapped was Giuseppe Messel, 12. All  
lived in a tenement at 265 East 153d  
street.

The cave was near the center of an  
open plot just above 153d street between  
Walton and Gerard avenues which is  
to be used by the Public Service Com-  
mission for a subway extension. It  
penetrated the hillside fifteen feet. The  
boys finished it yesterday morning.

## Represented Austrian Trenches.

To them the slope was "Hill 420"  
when the Italian army stormed it, and  
the dugout was in the third line of the  
Austrian trenches. Gen. Patsy Nasta  
had planned an important infantry en-  
counter for the afternoon, and at the  
foot of the hill he was piled as ammu-  
nition for the screen of artillery  
fire that was to cover the operations  
against the Hun from 15th street.

So far had the assault of Hill 420  
been planned when the rain came and  
Gen. Patsy Nasta and his staff, followed  
by his staff, Mr. Raphael and Joe, but  
Joe Messel, who was near the mouth of  
the cave, escaped. The Italian forces had  
been thus disposed for about ten minutes  
when the rain followed out by days of  
toil with the old shovel and earthen  
fingers collapsed. Stones, sand and dirt  
crushed down and completely filled the  
cave.

Patsy Nasta and the Nasta brothers  
had no chance. Joe Messel was buried  
all except his head and shoulders, but  
was struggling out when Edward Con-  
nelly, a party who had come to see the  
cave, saw him struggling out. With  
the broken shovel that lay beside the  
cave, Connelly started to dig him out,  
but Joe said he could not. He said  
there were three other kids in there. Dig  
for them.

## Dug Out by Firemen.

As Connelly could not help him get out,  
Firemen, Hoffman, Fireman, and  
rescue were called. The rescue was  
needed to help the boys and the  
friends of the boys who swarmed up Hill  
420 while the fire department was at  
the neighborhood tore away the earth  
with shovels and their hands.

Michele Nasta was uncovered first  
and restored to consciousness. Dr.  
Freund, who removed him to Lebonon  
Hospital. Then the rescuers came upon  
the bodies of Pasquale Nasta and Ra-  
phael Nasta, lying together in what had  
been the inner end of the cave. The  
two boys were buried by stones as well  
as smothered. The firemen's rescue  
and the rescue of the boys in vain.  
Aspin at the hospital told the form of  
rescue was tried without effect.  
Joe Messel, clinging to his mother,  
would leave the cave until the last of  
his companions were found.

## POPE PROTESTS TO ITALY.

Denounces Seizure of Palace Be-  
longing to Austrian Emperor.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 2.—The  
Papal See, according to the Vatican  
bulletin, has formally protested against  
the seizure of the Italian Government  
of the palace of the Austrian Emperor  
in Rome, the property of the Austrian  
Emperor.

Austria-Hungary, the newspaper says,  
has transmitted a protest through the  
Spanish Embassy against the seizure,  
declaring that Italy by the convention of  
August 24, 1866, recognized the inviol-  
ability of the palace and pointing out  
that the seizure infringes upon the right  
of the Pontiff to maintain diplomatic  
relations with the foreign powers. The  
palace was the residence of the Austrian  
Ambassador to the Vatican before the  
entry of Italy into the war.

A decree issued by the Italian Gov-  
ernment on August 27 and the refusal  
to be satisfied with a measure of reprisal  
for "abominable violations of interna-  
tional law and the devastation of monu-  
ments and buildings in Venice without  
any military motives."

## SHIP HALTED IN U. S. WATERS.

British Stop Dutch Steamer in  
Orient and Examine Mails.

MANILA, Sept. 2.—The Dutch steamer  
Arakan, which has arrived here from  
Java, reports that the British ship of  
war Cadmus, under the command of  
Capt. and Commander of the British  
Borneo, where she was quarantined. The  
Arakan was seized and searched on the  
night of August 27, and the mail for  
Hongkong, Nagasaki and San  
Francisco was not distributed.

British warships recently have seized  
in British Far Eastern ports freight on  
board steamers bound for Manila con-  
signed to business houses there.  
Sibutu passage lies between two is-  
lands of the Sulu Archipelago, which be-  
long to the United States.

## KAFUE'S CARGO IN MANILA.

British Retain Several Thousand  
Packages 8-31 From New York.

MANILA, Sept. 2.—The cargo of goods  
seized at Hongkong by the British au-  
thorities early last month on the British  
steamship Kafue, from New York for  
Manila, was brought to this port today  
by the British steamship City of Durham.  
Several thousand packages are missing.  
The City of Durham was chartered to  
the owners of the Kafue in order to show  
continuous voyage and thus escape the  
payment of duties.

The American goods on the Kafue  
were confiscated by the British authori-  
ties at Hongkong on the suspicion that  
they were consigned to German firms in  
the Philippines. Prior to the detention  
of the Kafue there was a similar seizure  
of goods on the steamship Chinese Prince  
and two Spanish vessels.

The State Department at Washington  
requested the American Consul at Hong-  
kong on August 16 to send full details  
regarding the seizure of American cargo  
with the view of it was suit of mak-  
ing a strong protest to the British Gov-  
ernment.

## GERMAN WAR LOAN HAS A ROUGH ROAD

Raid on Charitable Funds Pro-  
posed, Say Advisers From  
Rotterdam.

## Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—The German Gov-  
ernment is hard put to it to induce the  
people to subscribe for the new war loan,  
according to the correspondent of the  
Telegraph at Rotterdam. An enormous  
number of the middle class are unwill-  
ing to support the loan, believing it  
will prolong the war.

The Government is contemplating a  
raid on the funds of charitable institu-  
tions, and has issued preliminary cir-  
culars to the governors of such funds  
appealing for their support. The gov-  
ernors have been ordered to submit their  
books to the Government supervisors and  
discuss with the latter the possibility of  
investing in the loan.

The savings banks have been directed  
to reduce the term of notices in favor  
of clients wishing to withdraw their de-  
posits to invest in the loan. They have  
been asked also not to press for im-  
mediate payment of interest on their own  
investments in previous loans but to  
allow the Government to credit them  
with the amounts due until some future  
time. This has caused much anxiety  
and fears among the people that the  
Government is short of money.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 2.—Subscrip-  
tions to the new German war loan  
can continue to come in, although the  
subscription lists will not be opened  
officially until September 4. The Krupp  
company has subscribed 40,000,000  
marks. Four other corporations have  
taken 50,000,000 marks. The city ad-  
ministration of Berlin has subscribed  
50,000,000 marks.

## RUMANIANS TAKE TWO MORE CITIES

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has already demonstrated its superiority.  
The Serbs repulsed a Bulgarian attack  
between the Vardar and the Cerna, on the  
Bulgarian left wing, and at Vetrinik.

## BULGARS CONFIDENT.

Envoy Says Rumania Has Idea of  
Powerful Neighbor.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 2.—The  
German Ambassador in Bucharest, Dr.  
Friedrich von Tschammer and Parnow,  
in an interview with the Overseas  
News Agency, said:  
The entire Bulgarian nation knows  
perfectly well that Rumania hates us  
and that she cannot support the idea of  
a great and strong Bulgaria after the  
war. We are confident that Rumania  
will be victorious in the war, and  
one knows that Rumania will triumph  
and lead to the end of Bulgarian indepen-  
dence, as the way to Constantinople is  
through Bulgaria.

"For these political and moral reasons  
Bulgaria could not take any other de-  
cision. If we waited until Rumania  
took the first step it will not be under-  
stood why."  
Our relations with Greece are good.  
The Greek Government has been correct  
in its attitude toward us and we would  
not do anything likely to give the an-  
tagonists of the Greek Government argu-  
ment for referring to the treaty between  
Rumania and Greece as to the guaran-  
tee of the Bucharest treaty. We do not  
wish to furnish this arm to Venizelos  
and his party."

A Tschammer, the Bulgarian Minister to  
Austria-Hungary, interviewed by the  
New York Press of Vienna, said:  
"No newspapers in hostile countries pub-  
lishing insinuations to the effect that  
an impression is gained of vacillation  
on the part of Bulgaria. All these re-  
ports are the greatest indignation and  
honest disgust in Bulgaria."  
I want to emphasize as strongly as  
possible that Bulgaria will stand on the  
side of her allies until the end of the  
war and beyond that time. Bulgaria  
is conscious of what she is fighting for.  
Nothing can make Bulgaria's loyalty  
waver. Bulgaria has the fullest con-  
fidence in her allies, who have stood the  
test and are fully confident in Bul-  
garia."

## AUSTRIA INCREASES TAXES.

New Imports Ordered to Cover  
Interest on War Loans.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—An increase in Aus-  
trian taxes for the purpose of covering  
the interest on the war loans is covered  
by Reuters' correspondent at Amster-  
dam. Under Imperial ordinances pub-  
lished in Vienna virtually all direct and  
stamp taxes are increased.  
New taxes are imposed on the receipts  
of race track betting and on matches  
and other articles.

## Rumania Cable Service.

The Commercial Cable Company has  
announced that telegraphic communi-  
cation between Rumania and Hungary,  
Austria, Germany, Bulgaria and Turkey  
is interrupted. Private telegrams to or  
from Rumania transiting via Russia  
should fulfil the restrictions of service  
announced by the Russian administra-  
tion. Telegrams should be written ex-  
clusively in plain language and accepted  
at sender's risk. No consideration will  
be given to complaints or requests for  
information and no refund of tolls will  
be allowed. Secret language is only ad-  
mitted in Government telegrams ex-  
changed between the Government of Rus-  
sia and allied or neutral Governments  
and the respective diplomatic missions.

## Justified Ended Life, Says Report.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Reports have been  
received in Amsterdam that Gen. Jostoff,  
chief of the Bulgarian General Staff,  
committed suicide by shooting himself  
in the chest in a factory at Amsterdam  
yesterday in declaring war on Rumania.  
says a dispatch to the Exchange Tele-  
graph Company from that city.

## Despatches from Sofia which reached Amsterdam yesterday attributed Gen. Jostoff's death to appendicitis.

## GIRL TRIES FOUR TIMES TO DIE.

Freed of Attempting Suicide Two  
Days Ago, She Takes Gas.

Two girls made persistent attempts to  
end their lives yesterday. Margaret  
Sims, 24, of 44 West Ninety-third street,  
made her fourth attempt at suicide with-  
in a year and was sent to Knickerbocker  
Hospital unconscious from the effects of  
inhaling gas. She was dismissed under  
suspended sentence Thursday by Judge  
Rosenfeld for a similar act.

Jeannie McKay, 21, of 137 East 122d  
street, lost her job as a handkerchief  
maker in a factory at 136th street and  
Willow avenue, The Bronx. She tried to  
leap from a window of the factory and  
was restrained by three other girls, who  
struggled with her on the ledge. From  
being to go home, she departed.

A little later Patrolman Kelleher had  
to fight her to prevent her from leaping  
into the East River near Willow avenue.  
She was sent to a hospital.

## WAR MOVES TOLD IN OFFICIAL REPORTS

Vienna Admits Retirement of  
Army Before Rumanian  
Advance.

## RUSSIANS AGAIN ACTIVE

Austrians Announce Fierce  
Fighting at Several  
Points in East.

VIENNA, via London, Sept. 2.—The  
Austrian official statement issued today  
says:  
Rumanian front: After five days  
of heavy fighting near Orsova we  
yesterday withdrew our troops to the  
west bank of the Cerna.

Near Hermannstadt, and north of  
Kronstadt, the enemy followed us  
hesitatingly. New regiments are ap-  
pearing in the Gyrgy Mountains.  
Prince Leopold's front: The Rus-  
sians again fiercely attacked the Ger-  
man and Austro-Hungarian troops to  
the northeast and southeast of Rvini-  
usky and penetrated Korytnia, but  
were forced to retreat in disorder, leav-  
ing a considerable number of pris-  
oners in our hands.

Our Danube flotilla sank a Ru-  
manian patrol boat in the lower Danu-  
be.

## Germania Retake Trench.

Berlin, Sept. 2.—The text of the Ger-  
man official statement follows:  
Western theatre—North and south  
of the Somme lively fighting continues.

In the Poursures Wood—Longueval  
sector—hand grenades engagements  
took place. Southeast of Maurepas a  
French attempt to advance was un-  
successful. Last night a trench which  
was still in the hands of the enemy  
near Batarea was recaptured.

On the right bank of the Meuse ar-  
tillery activity was revived consider-  
ably at times.

Eastern theatre—Army group of  
Prince Leopold—Southwest of Lutsk  
the Russians continued their efforts  
against our troops under Gen. Lit-  
zmann. Their oft repeated attacks were  
delivered with greatly superior num-  
bers and they had temporary success.

South of Lutsk the enemy was driven  
back in disorder by our counter at-  
tacks. Yesterday and the day before  
we captured here 10 officers and 1,100  
men and took several machine guns.  
North of Zhorow our troops, counter  
attacking, gained some ground.

Army group of Archduke Charles—  
Northwest of Mariampol—Longueval  
sector—hand grenades engagements  
took place. The success of the Rus-  
sians was not extended. The number of prisoners  
captured was increased by 2 officers  
and 375 men. Seven machine guns  
and 3 machine guns were taken.  
Balkans—There is nothing to re-  
port.

## Russians Keep Up Advance.

Petersburg, Sept. 2.—The War Office  
announced today follows:  
Southwest of the village of Tobolsk,  
thirty-eight miles northwest of Kovel,  
on the Stokhod, the enemy resumed  
the offensive, but was repelled by the  
force of our infantry.

In the direction of Vladimir-Volyn-  
ski, near Sniadulov and Korotynski,  
the fighting continued. The success of  
the Russians was not extended. The  
number of prisoners captured was in-  
creased by 2 officers and 375 men. Seven  
machine guns and 3 machine guns were  
taken.

The enemy, who was compelled to  
retire westward, is offering stubborn  
resistance by counter attacks. The  
Russians have been repelled everywhere by  
our troops.

In the direction of Kormozovskiy  
the fighting continued. The success of  
the Russians was not extended. The  
number of prisoners captured was in-  
creased by 2 officers and 375 men. Seven  
machine guns and 3 machine guns were  
taken.

## Big Guns on Somme Active.

Paris, Sept. 2.—The official statement  
issued by the War Office tonight says:  
Except for somewhat lively artillery  
duels in the various sectors northward  
and southward of the Somme, nothing  
important is reported from any part  
of the front.

## The day statement follows:

On the Somme front there was con-  
siderable activity on the part of the  
enemy and of our artillery, notably in  
the sector of Maurepas and imme-  
diately south of the river. The Rus-  
sians made violent and repeated at-  
tacks on a portion of the trenches  
taken by us on August 21 south of  
Gyrgy. They succeeded in occupying  
some parts of these positions at the cost  
of appreciable losses.

In the Champagne German recon-  
struction of the front was completed  
nothing but the front of the Somme  
sector of Tathure were dispersed by  
means of hand grenades. A Russian  
patrol put to flight a party of the  
enemy northwest of Auberville after  
lively fighting.

On the right bank of the Meuse  
(Verdun front) the night was dis-  
turbed owing to the nervousness of the  
enemy, who violently bombarded our  
positions in the neighborhood of Thibaut-  
mont work and for no reason what-  
ever set in curtains of fire. A Ger-  
man attack against the village of  
Fleury was stopped by our fire.

West of Pannes-Mousson the Ger-  
mans after artillery preparation at-  
tacked our positions. They were repelled  
by our fire.

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